

he took to heart. These words were: "Stand up Hungarians—Your Country is calling, the question is do you want to be a slave or free?" Although he was only a teenager at the time, on October 23rd, 1956, he followed his father and took up arms against the Communists in power. However, the Soviets arrived to support the now collapsed Hungarian Communist government against the revolutionaries. He was one of 10,000 Hungarian freedom fighters who fought to defend his homeland; they were overwhelmed and Mr. Megyeri was driven into Austria.

Following the 1956 Hungarian Revolution Mr. Megyeri emigrated to the United States and embraced freedom with open arms. He attained his extension education at several American universities and worked numerous jobs. Throughout his long career he has worked as an attorney for the Federal Aviation Administration, an audit manager for the Government Accountability Office, and on several congressional committee staffs. After spending several years practicing private law, in 2003, Mr. Megyeri began his tenure as President of the Hungarian Reformed Federation of America.

Among other noteworthy achievements, Leslie has received the Gold Cross of Merit from the President of Hungary for his involvement in assisting Hungary in their efforts to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring an outstanding individual who has committed himself toward the cause of freedom and liberty.

IN RECOGNITION OF PHIL DALY  
HOSE COMPANY #2

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Phil Daly Hose Company #2 of Long Branch, New Jersey, as its members gather to celebrate its 125th Anniversary. Since its founding in 1886, Phil Daly Hose Company has faithfully protected the local residents, businesses and visitors of the City. Their honorable and courageous actions are undoubtedly deserving of this body's recognition.

Phil Daly Hose Company continues to expand their capabilities through the acquisition of new technology. The Art Smeal Pumper, capable of delivering 2000 gallons of water per minute, will provide the fire company with greater capabilities to assist residents and provide greater services to the citizens of Long Branch. Similarly, the addition of the Emergency One Rescue Truck has expanded the fire company's abilities to assist with rescue mission throughout the area. Phil Daly Hose Company has a proud and long standing history of valor and sacrifice. Their heroic actions while serving their community is a testament to the selfless actions of the members to protect and serve the residents of Long Branch. The members of this fire company continue to exemplify their unwavering dedication and service for their fellow citizens and community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Phil Daly Hose Company #2 on its 125th Anniversary and thanking the men and women who

have served and protected the City of Long Branch.

HONORING JIM WELLEHAN

**HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jim Wellehan, the Vice President of Maine's Lamey-Wellehan's shoe stores and the 2011 Auburn Business Association Citizen of the Year Award.

Jim is an exceptional businessman, helping to win Lamey-Wellehan the Boston Shoe Travelers Association award for 2011 Retailer of the Year. More importantly, Jim's commitment to a quality product goes hand in hand with helping to build a quality community.

Jim is committed to the environment, already having cut carbon emissions at Lamey-Wellehan by 23 percent and is on pace to achieve his company's ultimate goal of a 50 percent reduction by 2020. It's no coincidence that among the many honors that Jim has received is the 2007 Maine Sierra Club Business of the Year.

In recent years, Jim has served on the Lewiston Planning Board, the Board of Overseers at St. Joseph's College, the Board of the Finance Authority of Maine, President of the Board of the Lewiston Auburn Occupational Center, a member of the Maine Small Business Coalition and a youth soccer league coach.

There are few individuals more deserving of this award than Jim. His commitment to his state, community and customers is unprecedented, and I am pleased that he is being recognized.

Mr. Speaker, I hope you will join me in honoring Jim Wellehan, the 2011 recipient of the Auburn Business Association Good Citizen Award.

IN HONOR OF CEDRIC THORBES

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Cedric Thorbes, a young man who has displayed outstanding leadership. Mr. Thorbes has been named 2011's Youth Champion by Voices for Ohio's Children.

Cedric Thorbes was born in Liberal, Kansas and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. He is currently a senior at Glenville High School, where he is a merit-roll student and President of his senior class. Outside of school, Mr. Thorbes can often be found giving back to his community. He currently serves as the President of the Cleveland NAACP Youth Council, Chapter President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and the Youth President of the Brotherhood, Respect, Intelligence, Conduct, and Knowledge (BRICK) program. Cedric has also served as a leadership ambassador for the Cleveland Metropolitan School District.

Cedric has been recognized by the Cleveland community for his service and was the

recipient of this year's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Service Award. Cedric was also recently awarded a \$25,000 scholarship after participating in the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage's "Stop the Hate! Youth Speak Out" essay contest.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honoring Mr. Cedric Thorbes for his unwavering dedication to leadership in his community and being named 2011's Youth Champion. I wish him the best in all of his future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. DERO G.  
DOWNING

**HON. BRETT GUTHRIE**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a remarkable Kentuckian, Dr. Dero G. Downing. On April 4, Dr. Downing, Western Kentucky University's fourth president, passed on at the age of 89, leaving behind a lasting impression that will live on for years to come.

Dr. Downing served many roles throughout his lifetime but was best known for his time spent as WKU's president. Before serving as president, Dr. Downing became the university's registrar in 1959. Three years later, he was named dean of admissions. He then took the administrative affairs vice president position when it was created and held that position until becoming WKU's president in 1969.

During his decade long tenure as president, Dr. Downing could be found socializing with students, staying involved with WKU sports, and consistently keeping the campus in praiseworthy shape. He resigned as president in 1979, but not without first leaving his legacy on the hill.

Dr. Downing always conducted himself as a man of honor, loyalty and spirit. He exemplified to the fullest extent how indeed "The Spirit Makes the Master."

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Dero G. Downing for his many great contributions to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and as an architect in contributing to the successes of Western Kentucky University throughout his adult life.

SERGEANT KINTERKNECHT, OFFICER  
RAGSDALE AND OFFICER  
WITTE TRIBUTE

**HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, it is a true honor to stand and pay tribute to three members of the Montrose Police Community that displayed courage exceeding the call of duty. On July 25th, 2009, Sergeant Kinterknecht, along with Officers Ragsdale and Witte, and other members of the Montrose Police Department and Montrose County Sheriff's Department responded to a domestic violence call that quickly turned violent.

Soon after authorities arrived, gunfire erupted, tragically leaving Sergeant Kinterknecht fatally wounded, and Officers Ragsdale and

Witte severely wounded in both of their legs. In the chaos that followed many other police personnel responded boldly providing CPR and other life saving techniques as needed, while securing the crime scene.

Sergeant Kinterknecht, a Montrose native, has been posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and the Medal of Honor by the Montrose Police Department for his valor in the face of great and imminent danger. Sergeant David Kinterknecht had been involved with law enforcement since he was 14, as a member of the Montrose Police Explorers, a local youth group. He was a committed family man who is survived by his wife Kathy and his daughters Andrea and Amanda.

Officer Rodney Ragsdale, who made his way to Montrose from Suburban Denver, was another man who had been deeply involved in law enforcement. Officer Ragsdale was shot in both of his legs, and for his display of bravery he was also awarded the Purple Heart and the Medal of Honor by the Montrose Police Department.

Officer Larry Witte was just 23 at the time of the incident, and only two years out of Western State College in Gunnison. Officer Witte was also severely wounded from gunshot wounds in both of his legs, and for his steadfastness in dire circumstances he was also awarded the Purple Heart and the Medal of Honor. Officer Witte has a lovely wife, Chelsea, and a beautiful young daughter, Julia. He has recovered from his wounds and is back on patrol in Montrose.

Mr. Speaker, it has been an honor to rise in tribute to these three brave men. We should never forget the sacrifices the men and women in law enforcement make every day to insure our safety, and the sacrifices of their families. To Officer Ragsdale and Officer Witte, thank you for your service and gallantry. To the Kinterknecht family, our thoughts and prayers have, and continue to be, with you all. Sergeant Kinterknecht gave his life in service, and he shall not be forgotten.

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KATHRYNN MERRILLS

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kathryn Merrills for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Kathryn Merrills is a 7th grader at Oberon Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kathryn Merrills is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Kathryn Merrills for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

HONORING CROATIAN PRESIDENT  
IVO JOSIPOVIC

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I would first like to thank Croatian President Ivo Josipović for traveling to the United States and taking part in the Congressional Croatian Caucus kick-off event.

Although President Josipović has been in office for little over a year, his record in promoting an environment of genuine regional dialogue, better mutual understanding, across-the-board cooperation, and a Euro-Atlantic perspective for the whole of South East Europe has been noteworthy.

Since taking office he has pursued the path of regional reconciliation, a policy that has been matched with concrete action. For example, President Josipović expressed regret for all the victims of the tragic events of the 1990s irrespective of their ethnic background, religious identity, or country of origin. He has also pursued open dialogue with all the key partners in the region of South East Europe, but in particular with Serbian and Bosnian and Herzegovinian high officials.

His efforts at promoting the eventual membership of all the countries in the region into the EU and NATO, have been widely recognized. President Josipović's effort in realizing "Europe, whole, free and at peace" is acknowledged and has been highly commended by the Administration and prominent members of Congress, as it complements U.S. efforts in that part of the world.

Croatia's two-year-long record of NATO membership already bears his mark. President Josipović showed strong leadership and responsibility at the December 2010 NATO summit in Lisbon, in regard to Croatian contributions to NATO led peace-keeping missions. Moreover, he has offered his strong support to Allied efforts in Afghanistan, where Croatian troops and experts assist in transitioning this country to stability and security, using its own capabilities, which was clearly expressed on his recent visit to Kabul.

Again, on behalf of the Congressional Croatian Caucus, I would like to welcome President Josipović to the United States and for his role in building a closer friendship between our two nations.

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LANCE ORTIZ

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Lance Ortiz for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Lance Ortiz is a 12th grader at Jefferson Senior High and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Lance Ortiz is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive

to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Lance Ortiz for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

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IN TRIBUTE TO TEMPLE BETH  
EMETH V'OHR PROGRESSIVE  
SHAARI ZEDEK ON THE OCCA-  
SION OF THEIR CENTENNIAL  
YEAR

**HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. WEINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Temple Beth Emeth v'Ohr Progressive Shaari Zedek on their 100th Anniversary. The temple has provided faithful and devoted service to the Brooklyn community and has shown great commitment to the Jewish religion.

For 100 years, Temple Beth Emeth v'Ohr Progressive Shaari Zedek has shown great dedication to the Brooklyn community and has instilled their members with a strong sense of Jewish identity. I commend this outstanding temple and the excellent work they have done in the Brooklyn community and the City of New York.

Temple Beth Emeth v'Ohr Progressive Shaari Zedek represents the best of the Brooklyn community. They have dedicated their talents to provide their neighbors time for spiritual reflection and renewal with weekly Shabbat services and have improved the quality of life for their neighbors, friends, and family.

Temple Beth Emeth v'Ohr Progressive Shaari Zedek is truly a pillar of strength built on the support of their faithful members. Their members' generous and active involvement has contributed to the many years of phenomenal service that the temple has provided.

I am honored to recognize Temple Beth Emeth v'Ohr Progressive Shaari Zedek on the occasion of their centennial year and further extend my gratitude for their many loyal years of service to the Brooklyn community and I hope they continue to grow and provide the quality service for which they are so well known.

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75TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST.  
GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 3, 2011*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of St. George Orthodox Church. The parish celebrated this occasion this past weekend with a banquet and brunch.

The parish was organized in 1936 by families that had immigrated from Lebanon, Syria and Palestine. Due to the success of these immigrants the parish thrived and the first church was built in 1938. Many of the original